

Series: Romans

February 2, 2025

Life Group Study

For week of February 2, 2025

Message: Living The Forgiven Life

Romans 5:1-11, 20 | Philippians 3 | 1 Timothy 1:15-16 | 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Our lack of assurance of salvation:

1. It's too good to be true.
2. It's too good to be free.
3. It's too good to be load bearing.

Paul's promise of assurance:

- It is true.
- It is free.
- It is load bearing.

The power of grace is stronger than the hold of sin.

As people sinned more and more. God's wonderful grace became more abundant.

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! <https://rlc.pub/groups>

Share your story

Looking back over what Ethan talked about on Sunday, was there something you'd like to share?

Which is easier: giving a gift or receiving a gift? Why?

What can make it difficult to receive the gift of grace from Jesus? How have you overcome this difficulty or is it still a struggle?

Connect to God's story

Read Romans 5:12-21

Paul is contrasting Adam and Jesus. List some things Paul says about Adam and Jesus:

What do you think about the ripple effect of sin? Do you ever find yourself buying the lie that your sin only hurts you? When you get real with the damage of your sin – to you and those around you – how do you respond to the wonderful gift of forgiveness through Jesus?

Read Psalm 103:1-5.

David is telling his soul to "Praise the Lord". What are some of the things he mentions that God does?

Read Psalm 103:6-18.

What are some things you learn about God in this Psalm? What are some things we learn about ourselves in this Psalm?

Read Psalm 103:19-22.

What do all living creatures do in response to the Lord's rule? How does our being forgiven of sin free us to worship the Lord?

As we've been given this wonderful gift of forgiveness, we are invited to give that gift of forgiveness to others.

Read Matthew 18:21-35.

In reading this parable, how important is our forgiving each other to Jesus and His Kingdom?

What can result in your life if you choose not to forgive? How can forgiving someone who wronged you help you receive the incredible gift Jesus has for you?

Take a few minutes to examine your life and talk with the Lord. Is there forgiveness you need to gift someone right now?

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful relationships with Jesus and each other through the study of God's Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25).

Here's how we accomplish this in our community throughout the week:

SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life by following Jesus.

SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Throughout the Life Group session, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways the Father has designed you to serve and make a difference in His kingdom as He conforms you to the image of His Son! (Romans 8:28-30)